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BETH RAINS McGOWEN

## Beth McGowen practices law in San Jose

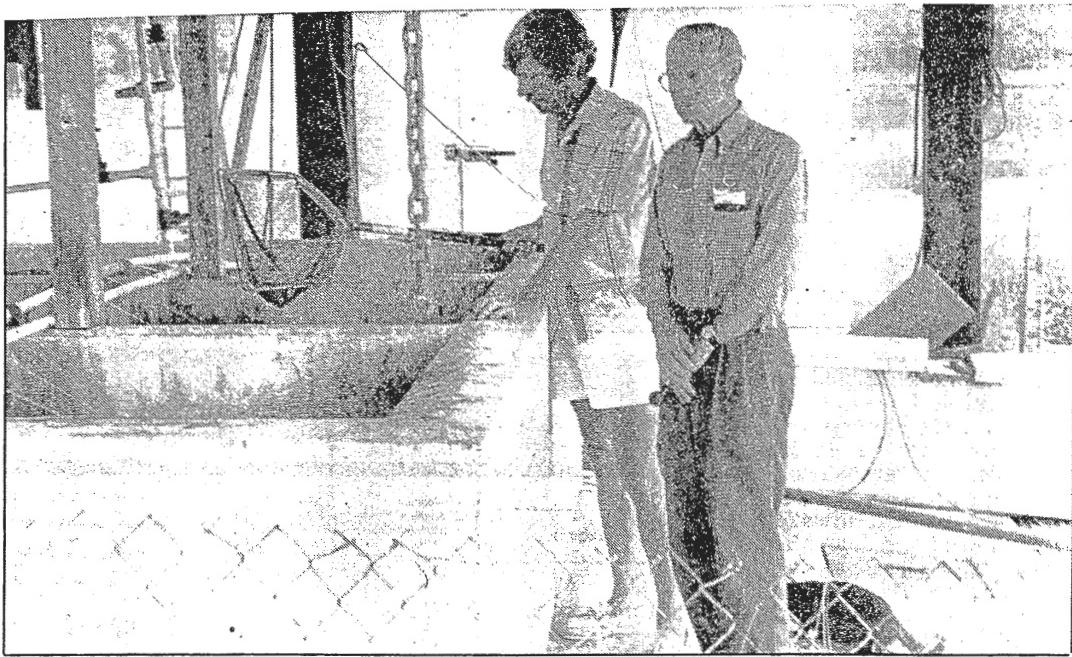
Beth Rains McGowen was awarded the degree, Juris Doctorate, from the University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco on May 18, 1990.

She graduated in 1982 with distinction from Pascagoula High School and in 1986 *cum laude* from Brigham Young University, with a degree in English and Communications.

While at Hastings, Ms. McGowen served as a note editor for the *Hastings Comm/Ent Law Journal*. She also won first place brief in the Hastings David E. Snodgrass Moot Court competition.

Beth is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dean A. Rains of Pascagoula and is married to C.W. McGowen, Jr., formerly of Moss Point. Following graduation, Ms. McGowen will begin practice in the San Jose office of the law firm McCutchen, Doyle, Brown and Enerson.

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**UNIQUE FILTERING SYSTEM** — Tom Beasley (left) and Clarence McGowen, co-owners of a system unique filtering and aerating system that provides saltwater at all times for live bait, inspect tanks at the facility located at

the end of Bayou Cumbest Road by the Drift Inn. Set up in conjunction with Blue Water Management as a pilot program, the owners say will be expanded.

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## To be wed in Washington temple

The approaching marriage of Beth Ann Rains and Clarence Winslow McGowen Jr. has been announced.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dean A. Rains of Pascagoula, and the granddaughter of Col. Louis F. Brossard of Palo Alto, Calif., and the late Mrs. (Alta) Brossard, and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Rains of Sunnyvale, Calif.

She was graduated with distinction from Pascagoula High School in 1982, and in 1986 from Brigham Young University with a degree in broadcast marketing and English.

At BYU, she was a member of the International Folkdancers Performing Arts Company and its touring group, Phi Eta Sigma and Kappa Tau Alpha, both national honor societies, and Chi Triellas sorority.

In 1985 she was named Outstanding Junior Woman in Broadcast Marketing, and upon graduation was awarded Outstanding Senior of 1986 honors. She has recently returned to the coast following an internship in New York City.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. McGowen Sr. of Moss Point, and the grandson of Mrs. Charles Person (Saima Saksa) Bosarge of Pecan and the late Mr. Bosarge, and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Othmer McGowen

of Moss Point.

He was graduated as salutatorian of the Class of 1979 at Live Oak Academy of Kreole, and attended Tulane University. While there he was vice president of finance for the Associated Student Body, senator representing the engineering student body, and treasurer for the engineering freshman class.

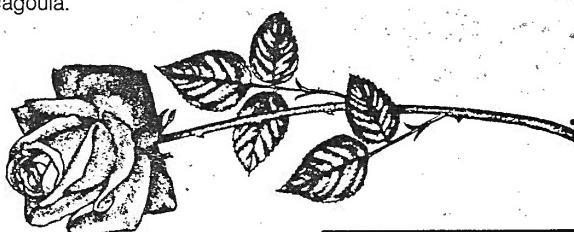
Also during his years at Tulane, he was a water ski instructor and member of the Intercollegiate Water Ski Team. Mr. McGowen served U.S. Rep. Trent Lott in 1981 as an intern in Washington, D.C.

He worked for First Chemical Corp. through the co-operative education program of Mississippi State University, and was graduated from MSU in 1985 with a degree in chemical engineering. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

The couple will be married in the Washington, D.C., Temple, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, on Aug. 8. A reception will follow on Aug. 15 at The Longfellow House and Gardens on the beach in Pascagoula.



Clarence Winslow McGowen Jr.  
Beth Ann Rains



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6-A—Mississippi Press/Sunday, February 3, 1991

## McGowens make name for themselves in California

By TOM DONNELLY  
Mississippi Press Staff

When C.W. McGowen Jr. of Moss Point was five years old, his father suspected the boy was a genius of hidden depths and that someday he would find his place in the sun.

At 29, McGowen has definitely found his place in the sun, and based on the boy's accomplishments, there are few who would disagree about the elder McGowen's assessment of his son's intelligence.

McGowen is a process engineer in the chemical systems division of United Technologies Corporation in San Jose, Calif., where he has been the project engineer for several projects related directly to the U. S. space program. One of his involvements was formulating cast propellants for IUS motors. Two of the projects sent U.S. space crafts to far away places such as Venus and Jupiter.

One of his new ventures is "the Aegis program, which entails making the rocket boosters. The Aegis is a booster rocket used in weaponry. This one we are making is the enhanced version," he said.

"This is for extended range of the ground-to-air missiles. The IUS, Intelfat and other things I have worked on are for the nation's space program."

McGowen mapped out a five-year program of study for himself in his pursuit of a chemical engineering degree, the first three years at Tulane University in New Orleans and the final two years were at Mississippi State University, where he received his degree.

Work that he did on a master's degree in engineering management at Brigham Young Un-

iversity paid off, too. UTC has placed McGowen in charge of its computer administration at the San Jose facility.

"This is overseeing the acquisition and purchase of all the software and hardware used in the manufacturing and test department. This is just an offshoot. My real job is the rocket motors," he said.

McGowen may have found his first distinction at Tulane University like tasting caviar for the first time. Later, he became accustomed to accepting them, but never casual and practiced in attitude.

Among his achievements are two which he seems to especially relish:

The first was gaining election as vice president for finance of the Associated Student Body of Tulane University in his third year of engineering studies.

The other, a 1989 award from NASA for booster separation motors he was making for the Space Shuttle program at the time.

"You can only win this award once in a lifetime. It is an annual award to about 30 or 40 people annually," he said.

McGowen and his wife, the former Beth Rains of Pascagoula, are calm, deliberate people, but he said they both experienced deep anxiety over the earthquake in San Francisco.

"We had gone to the Kennedy Space Center at the Cape in Florida. We were there for a space shuttle launching. The launching was delayed and we went back to California because of the earthquake," he said.

On the homeward flight, they learned virtually nothing about their city.

"All the coverage centered on the heavily damaged areas. Almost nothing was said about the areas that escaped," he said.

"The only way we could find out what had happened in San Jose was by getting there. After we got there, we had power and there was no major damage in any form."

McGowen's wife is an honor graduate of Brigham Young, where she majored in communications.

After the two married and settled in San Jose, Beth commuted to and from San Francisco daily for three years, until she had completed all requirements for her juris doctor of law degree from the University of California School of Law at Hastings. It is the 17th ranked law school in the nation.

If McGowen has a track record of par excellence in intellectual endeavors, then so does his wife, who won the best brief award in Moot Court at the law school, and has since joined a law firm that specializes in corporate law.

Both come from families where a premium is placed on education and achievement.

McGowen's younger sister, Kecia Perkins, not only excelled in academics at the University of Alabama and the University of South Alabama at Mobile, but caught the attention of the immortal Bear Bryant when she became involved in athletic programs at the outset of her freshman year, serving as a hostess for recruits.

McGowen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. McGowen Sr. of east Moss Point, while his wife's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Dean Rains of Pascagoula.



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**ACHIEVERS** — C.W. McGowen Jr., a Moss Point native and an engineer who is involved in the space program, is flanked by his sister, Kezia Perkins, left, and wife, Beth McGowen. He has been concentrating his efforts on the nation's defense program in San Jose, Calif. He is now focusing his creative design efforts on the Persian Gulf.

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2-C—Mississippi Press Sunday, September 14, 1986

## Summer vows said in temple

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Washington Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was the setting for the Aug. 8 marriage of Beth Ann Rains and Clarence Winslow McGowen Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dean A. Rains and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. McGowen Sr.

The bride wore tissue taffeta accented with lace. The fitted bodice had a scoop neckline, outlined with a double bow of lace and accented with pearls and iridescents.

Lace was appliqued on the front of the gown, and used to outline the waist, which ended in points at the front and back.

The pouffed sleeves ended in sheer points over the hands, and were outlined in a double row of lace enhanced with pearls.

Her skirt swept to a cathedral length train, also outlined in the lace. Her cathedral length veil was bordered with pearl scallops and held in place by a garland of lace and pearls.

She carried cascading white orchids, roses, Queen Anne's lace, English ivy and assorted greenery.

After a trip to Epcot Center and Disney World in Orlando, Fla., the couple was feted with a reception on Aug. 15 at The Longfellow House on the beach in Pascagoula.



The C.W. McGowens Jr.

The bride was attended by Shereia Neely of Gautier and Carla Nicholson Herron of Murphreesboro, Tenn. Assisting were Lora McLain, Teri DeRscheid, Michele Perez and Karen Kosztur.

Attendants to the bridegroom were Blake Moore of Bakersfield, Calif.; Robbie Watson, Tony Goff and Richard Canfield.

Music was provided by Vicki Felton of Mobile, Ala.

A courtyard buffet was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom on the evening following the reception. The fete was held at the Mobile home of Jo Franklin, sister of the bridegroom.

The couple is at home in San Jose, Calif.

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Donald (and Elsie, I hope) I am going to type what I have on McGowan. It may take a couple of notes. This was sent to me by my husband's great aunt.

THE McGOWAN FAMILY BY MAMMA  
By Lillian Price Pickett

My maternal grandfather, Hamilton McGowan, and his identical twin brother, Elbert, were born in Pickens County Alabama in 1795. About the same time identical twin boys were born to a Negro woman on the place, named Bill and Kit. These were given to the white boys and all four were brought up together by their Negro mammys.

The McGowans were a large family, eight girls and eight boys. The girls all married and reared families except one who had no children. There were Sarah and Polly Hayden, Nancy Sherrod, Jane Shackelford, Louise McClanahan, Betsy Seals, Emily Ross and Sophia Brown.

In about 1855 the McGowan Twins and a brother Robert moved into Clark County, Mississippi with their Negroes, overseers, etcetera and opened up large farms and erected good homes. My grandfather's house is still standing and has been a show place because of its appearance and of the large oaks and cedars.

They also built a Methodist church that is still called McGowan's Chapel tho it has been rebuilt twice.

My grandmother was Susan Eldridge of the Virginia Pocahontas tradition and she never forgot that. She was a notable housekeeper and trained her Negroes well. I remember her as a child, how when we had to do the house work, we resented the fact that Madeline, who was later our housegirl and had married Edmund the coachman and had ten children, all of whom would have been ours. My youngest uncle "marse Jimmy" said that when he first had to go to work in the field that he would cry and cuss Abe Lincoln.

My grandfather remarked that he believed that his daughter Sophie would learn to wok as she cleaned up her room by herself. She married a confederate veteran, Mr. Cantrell of Tennessee and reared a large family. And I'm sure she did all sorts of work.

I had two uncles in the war, Captain John P, and Captain Billy McGowan. Both were also in Yankee prisons for some time and did not recover their health.

My grandfather lived to be seventy five and died from an accident. His Negro Uncle Bill lived to be quite old. All of his estate has passed out of the family except four

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hundred acres. A grandson owns it now.

The McGowan connection is very large and some have done well. All remember the twin boys and the twin Negroes. One grandson who attained distinction was C.W. Gillespie of Fort Worth, Texas, who was a congressman. He was born and reared in Mississippi. He visited his old home there en route to Washington. He was a nice man and the family appreciated him greatly. His remark, "My religion is in Matthew 25th chapter, 'In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me,'" will long be remembered by those who heard him.

The McGowans and connections now live in six states, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma. They are very complacent about their family. One remarked years ago that she always felt that they were just as good as anybody or a little bit better. I am one of them.

The end- Lillian Price Pickett died in 1962 and is buried at McGowan's Chapel Chapel Cem. Fran

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